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SUBJECT: DELHI POWER WORKERS STRIKE

IN THE SWELTERING PRE-MONSOON HEAT (TEMPERATURES OVER 100 DEGREES F) THE ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT WORKERS OF THE NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BEGAN A "TOOL-DOWN" STRIKE ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 6 WHICH CONTINUES AS OF COB JUNE 8. A NUMBER OF EMBASSY FAMILIES ARE SHARING THE HONOR OF BEING WITHOUT ELECTRICITY (NO AIR CONDITIONERS, FANS OR WATER) WITH THE RESIDENCES OF THE PRIME MINISTER, MANY CABINET OFFICERS, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS. WHILE SOME SECTIONS OF THE CITY HAVE POWER, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NEWSPAPERS, AND CITY STREET LIGHTING WERE AFFECTED. THE STRIKE, CALLED BY THE BHARATIYA MAZDOOR SANGH (CLOSE TO THE ERE WHILE JANA SANGH) REPORTEDLY IS TO ENFORCE VARIOUS ECONOMIC DEMANDS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE BEEN LONG PENDING. THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PRESIDENT HAS ALLEGED THAT THE WORKERS ARE "SABOTAGING" THE POWER SYSTEM, BUT THIS HAS BEEN DENIED BY THE UNION PRESIDENT WHO HAS COUNTER-CHARGED THAT MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SABOTAGE TO DISCREDIT THE WORKERS. THE ARMY REPORTEDLY IS EXTENDING

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"TECHNICAL HELP" TO RESTORE POWER, AND POLICE PATROLS HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES. THUS FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF ANY CLASHES OR CONFRONTATIONS BETWEEN THE STRIKERS AND THE AUTHORITIES. THE STRIKE HAS BEEN DECLARED ILLEGAL, BUT IT IS UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME WHEN IT WILL END.

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